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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the City of Austin Neighborhood Peace Project Expansion in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, Texas located at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701.

The funding would be used to expand a Community Violence Intervention Pilot (CVI) known as the Neighborhood Peace Project. The program will expand services beyond current piloted hot spots, reaching more areas impacted by violence. Based on learnings from the pilot, program strategies may include street outreach, case management, life coaching, conflict mediation, and community engagement and be supported by training and technical assistance from the City of Austin and national experts in violence prevention. This approach is in-line with Austin's participation in the Biden-Harris Administration CVI Collaborative designed to reduce gun violence. The program will tailor services to the needs and strengths of neighborhoods and create more opportunities for living without violence. By investing in the healing, safety, and stability of community members most likely to commit violence, the program will break cycles of violence and reduce gun violence.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett